

City of Vancouver

State of the Streets Report

YR 2012



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WA Legislature
Joint Transportation Committee Meeting**

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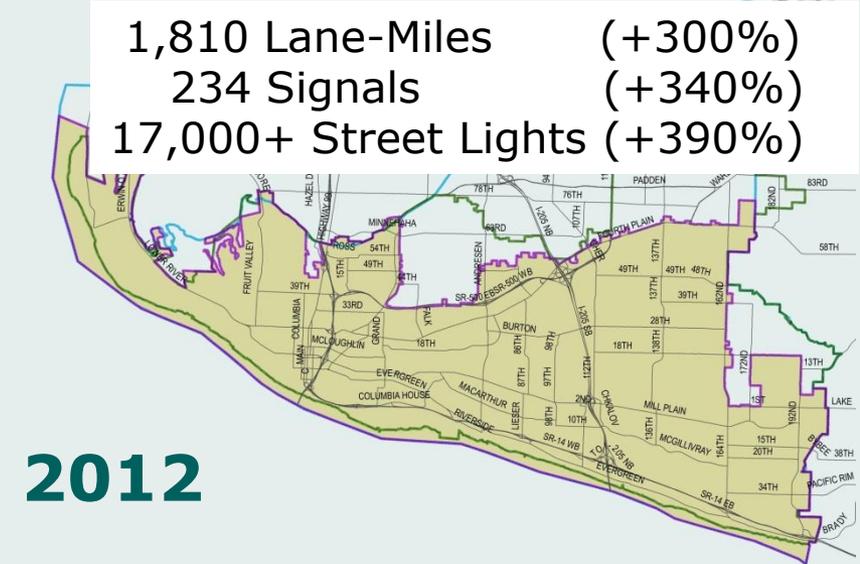


The Street System

Street Program - Definition

- **City Size**
 - > 46 square miles
- **City Population**
 - > 161,000 (2nd largest in Portland/Vancouver region; 4th largest in Washington State)
- **Lane Miles of Roadway**
 - > 1,800 Lane Miles (equivalent to: One lane roadway from Vancouver to Oklahoma City, or roundtrip to/from Los Angeles)
- **Acreage of ROW**
 - 3,800 acres (> 6 square miles)
- **Signals**
 - 234
- **Streetlights**
 - 17,300 (+/-)
- **Traffic Signs and Striping**
 - Thousands of traffic control signs, and thousands of miles of lane striping

Growing System & Needs



Needs Met By Projects

- Safety Improvement
- Arterial "Backbone" Conversion ←
- Arterial "Backbone" Addition (As Needed)
- Preservation of Existing Assets
- Traffic System Efficiency
- ADA Ramp Needs
- Sidewalk Infill
- Bicycle Needs
- Local Streets Improvement

New Street Project



Undone Arterial System

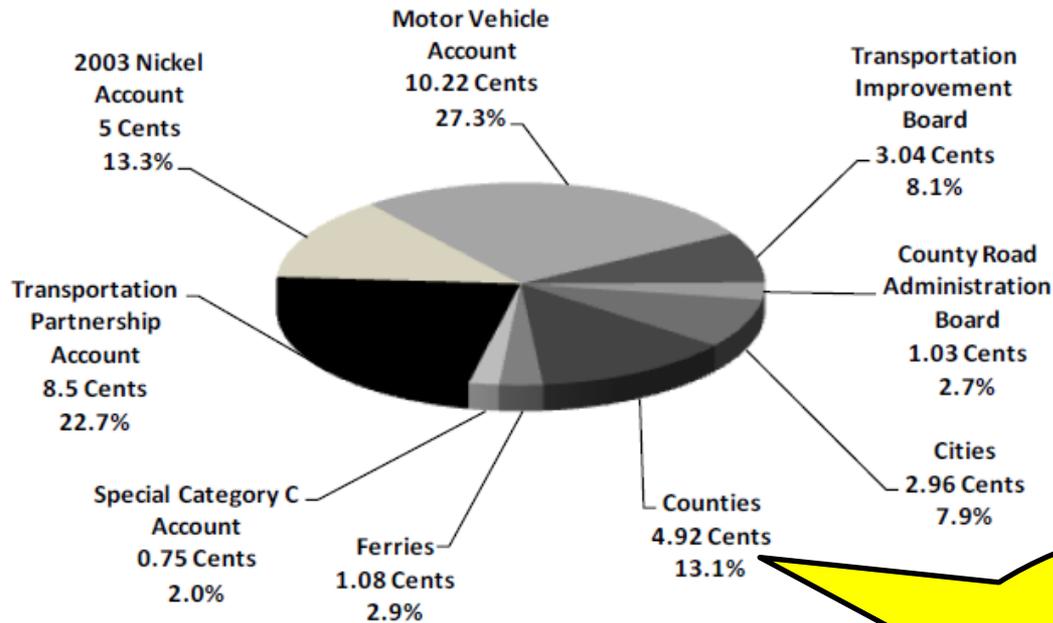




Money for Streets

City's Gas Tax Revenue

Washington State Gas Tax Distribution 37.5 Cents Per Gallon

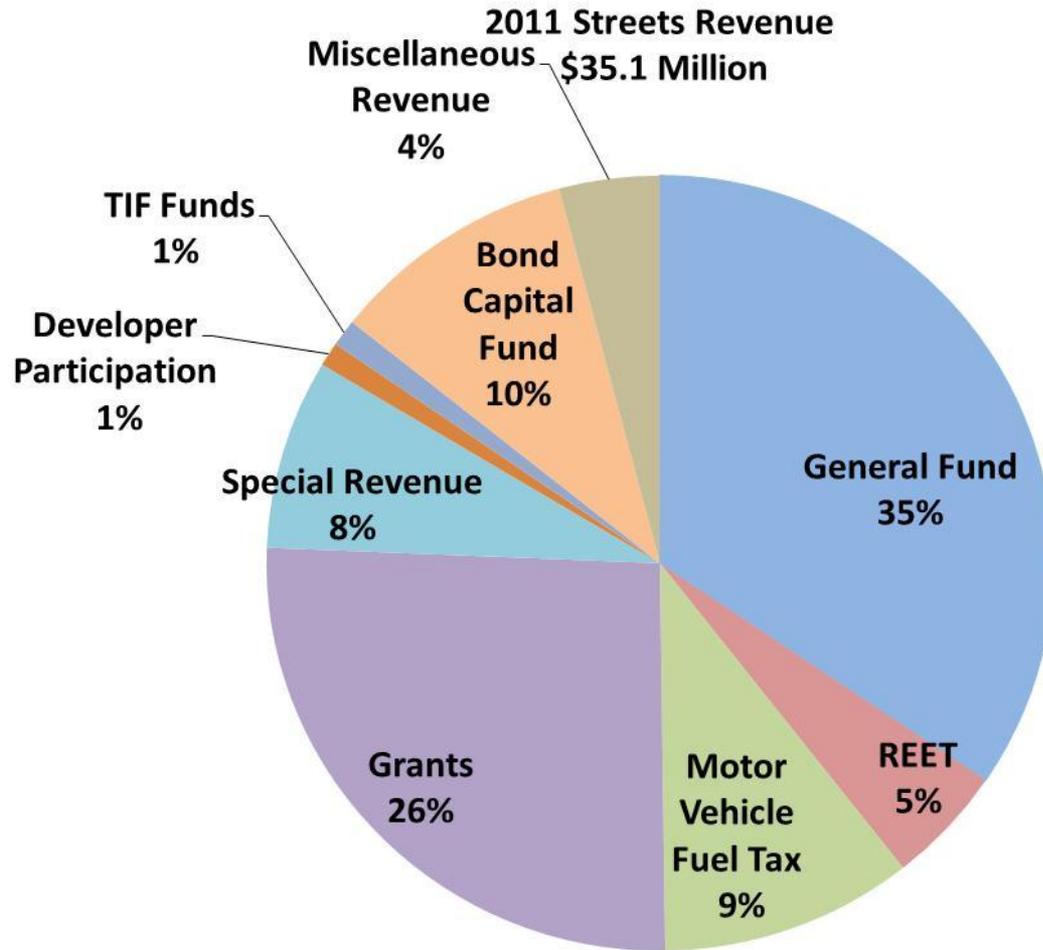


Vancouver's
share in YR 2011:
\$3,371,269

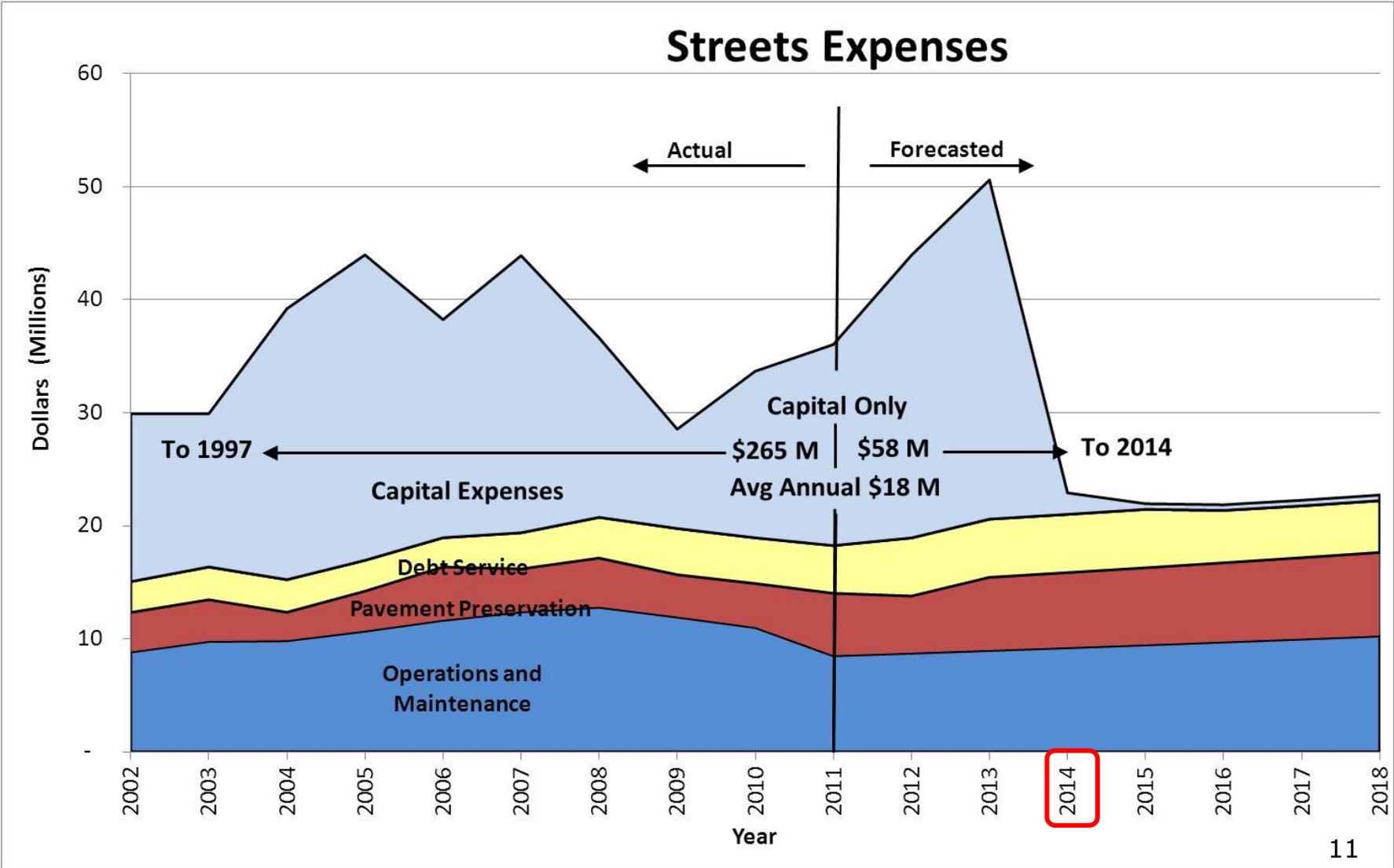
Vancouver Street Expenses

Gas Tax Revenue	\$3,371,269
Actual Expenses – YR 2011	
Street Operations and Maintenance	\$7,263,157
Pavement Repair and Replacement	\$5,521,405
New Street Construction / Upgrades	\$19,022,382
Miscellaneous	\$1,583,992
Total	\$33,390,936

2011 Streets Revenues

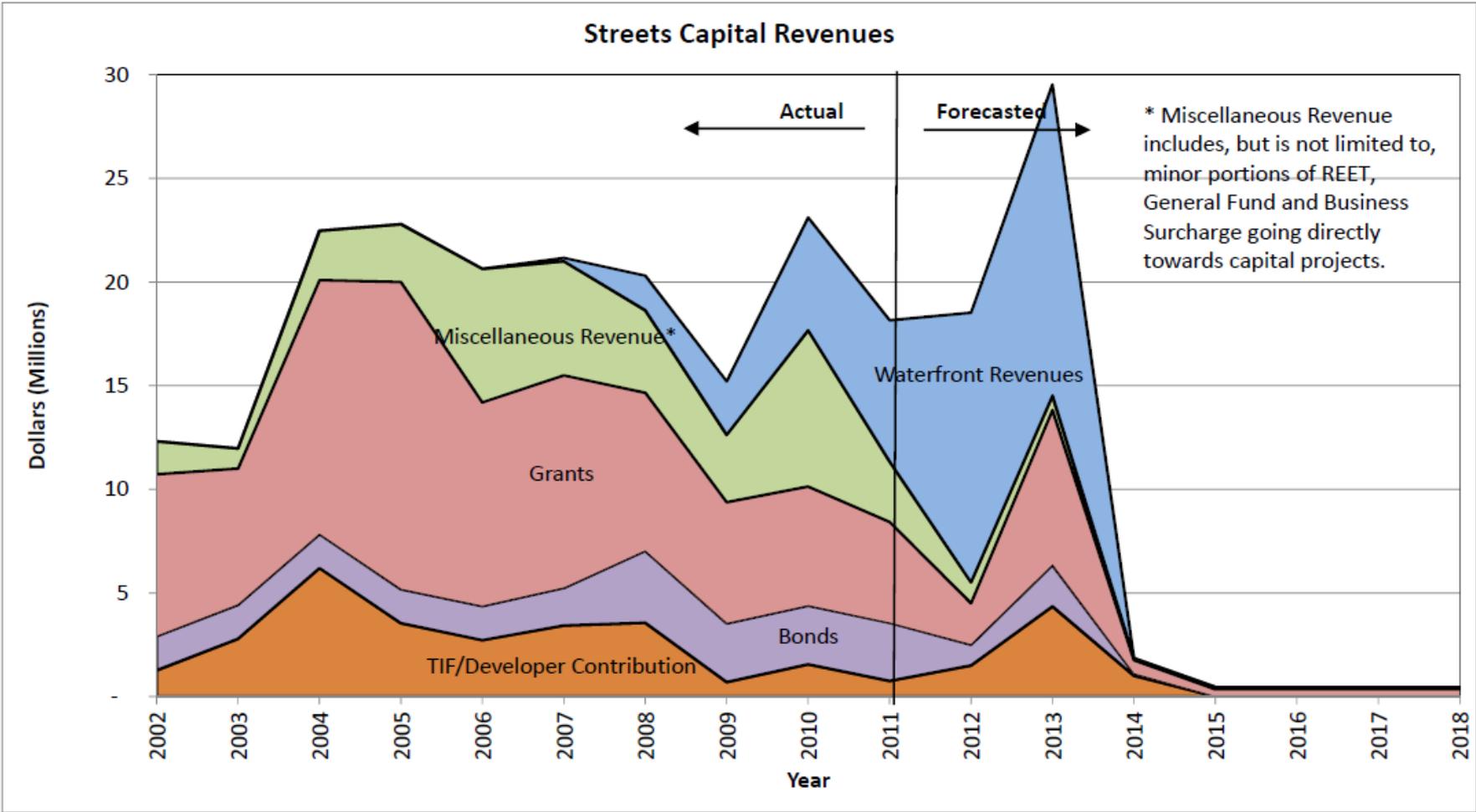


Expenditure Trends



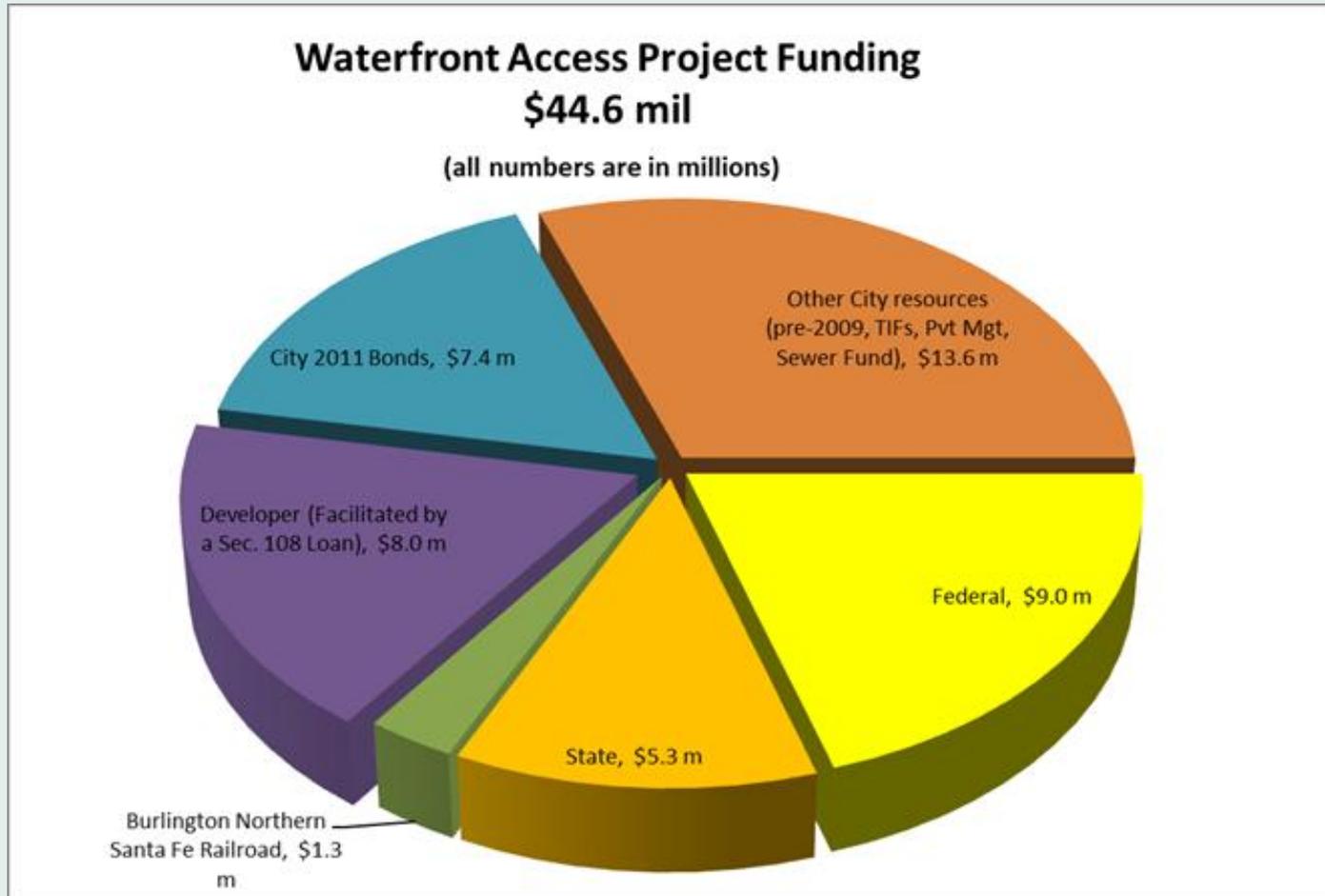
Capital Revenue Trends

Streets Capital Revenues



* Miscellaneous Revenue includes, but is not limited to, minor portions of REET, General Fund and Business Surcharge going directly towards capital projects.

Example of "Mix" of Funding



State Share: < 12% of total Revenue



Path Forward

Street Needs – “Big Picture”

Operations:

- \$15-16 Million (annual range, existing)

Pavement Maintenance / Repair

- \$200,000,000 (estimated)

Arterial Street Upgrades

- **2011-2030 Comprehensive Plan**
 - \$430,000,000 (estimated)

Street Funding Package -2014

Goals:

- **Community vote on a substantial revenue package to resolve O&M and Upgrade needs**
- **Set in place a comprehensive program for Asset Preservation (O&M focus)**
- **Enhance Competitive Contracting service delivery approach**

Gaps in Funding Tools

Biggest Hurdles for next 10-years:

- **O&M, O&M, O&M**
- **Gas Tax to Cities is too low**
- **Available “funding tools” are limited in Revenue potential – or - require multi-agency action**
- **Partnerships – with agency or state funding partners that are also “pinched” for funds**

New Funding Tools

Need from Legislature:

- **Increased Gas Tax Distribution in any future package**
- **Higher threshold for Councilmanic authority in TBD (*\$40 is a good starting point*)**
- **“Big Win” - Movement on Legislation to clean-up Street Utility mechanics (RCW 82.80.050)**



Questions & Discussion

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